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SUBJECT: ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN'S VISIT TO PRAGUE

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1. EMBASSY WELCOMES HARTMAN VISIT AND HAS NOTIFIED MFA. CHARGE WAS TOLD THAT GOC WARMLY WELCOMES HARTMANS AND CARROLL BROWN, AND DEPUTY FONMIN SPACIL ADDS HIS PERSONAL WORD OF GREETING. SPACIL NOTED HE REGRETS EXCEEDINGLY THAT HIS TIGHT SCHEDULE (HE AND ZANTOVSKY FLY BACK FROM LONDON MORNING OF OCT 9, ITALIAN DEPUTY FONMIN CATTANI ARRIVES LATE AFTERNOON OCT 9) PRECLUDES HIS SPENDING MORE TIME SHOWING THE HARTMANS PRAGUE AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

2. PRESENT PLANS AT MFA ARE FOR SPACIL TO HOST NOON-TIME LUNCH FOR HARTMAN AND FOR TALKS TO BEGIN THEN AND CONTINUE AFTER LUNCH. TIME WILL BE LIMITED BECAUSE OF NECESSITY FOR SPACIL TO GREET CATTANI LATE IN AFTERNOON. WITH REGARD TO PLANS FOR DEPARTURE AT 11:05 A.M. OCT 10, CZECHS HAVE RESERVED TIME FOR FURTHER BILATERAL TALKS AFTERNOON OCT 10 (IN WHICH CASE HARTMAN COULD TAKE 5:30 P.M. FLIGHT), SINCE THERE IS SO LITTLE TIME OCT 9. HOWEVER, SPACIL SAID THAT IF HARTMAN FEELS TIME AVAILABLE OCT 9 (PROBABLY FROM NOON UNTIL 3:30 OR 4:00, POSSIBLE UNTIL 4:30) IS SUFFICIENT, THEN OF COURSE HE WOULD NOT OBJECT IF HARTMANS NEED TO GET AWAY IN MORNING OCT 10. EMBASSY BELIEVES TIME WILL SUFFICE OCT 9 (PROVIDED

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SPACIL MAKES HIS FLIGHT BACK TO PRAGUE FROM LONDON),

AND THEREFORE SEES NO NECESSITY FOR HARTMANS TO STAY
LATER THAN 11:00 FRIDAY, ALTHOUGH WE WISH THEY WERE
ABLE TO REMAIN HERE LONGER.

3. CHARGE WILL PROCEED WITH PLANS FOR RECEPTION
AT 6/00 ON OCT 9 AT HIS HOUSE, BUT OF COURSE NOW
IT WILL BE IN HONOR OF HARTMAN PARTY AND CHAMBER
OF COMMERCE DELEGATION WILL BE AMONG GUESTS. (WE
UNDERSTAND THAT FRANCIS KNIGHT AND HER HUSBAND WILL
BE IN TOWN WITH A PANAM GROUP, AND HOPE THEY WILL
BE ABLE TO COME TOO.) WE WOULD PLAN TO INVITE A
REPRESENTATIVE GROUP OF GOC OFFICIALS. CHARGE HAPPY
THAT HARTMANS ABLE STAY AT HIS HOUSE, AND WOULD
LIKE TO EXTEND INVITATION TO BROWN TO STAY AS
WELL. FIRST EVENING WE WOULD PLAN MERELY TO HAVE
FAMILY DINNER AND POSSIBLE DO A BIT OF SIGHTSEEING
IF TIME ALLOWS; IF NOT, WE CAN GET IN SOME SIGHT-
SEEING PERHAPS MORNING OCT 9 AND/OR OCTO 10. (MRS.
HARTMAN WILL HAVE MORE TIME FOR SIGHTSEEING OCT 9.)
WE WOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST VISIT TO CHANCERY MORNING
OF OCT 9 FOR MEETING WITH STAFF.

4. EMBASSY WILL BE IN COMMUNICATION FURTHER REGARD-
ING SUBSTANCE OF TALKS TO BE HELD. OUR ASSUMPTION
IS THAT BULK OF BRIEFING MATERIAL WILL BE PREPARED
IN DEPARTMENT. WE ARE READY FOR ANY ORAL BRIEF-
INGS THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY WOULD LIKE TO HAVE.
IF THERE ARE ANY SPECIFIC BRIEFING PREPARATIONS
HE WISHES, KINDLY ADVISE US AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
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